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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Members of the A. D. A. A.:

In a few short weeks the 25th Annual Meeting of our Association will convene in San Francisco and since this will be my last opportunity to address you before the meeting, permit me to express to every one of you my sincere gratitude for your wonderful loyalty and co-operation that I have enjoyed during my term of office. It has meant much to your officers and without your co-operation we could not have achieved the progress we have experienced this year. The evidence of our progress is ample proof that our Trustees, Committees, Local and State societies planned their work with the welfare of the members in mind. It will interest you to know that as this page is being written our membership has reached 6,053 and will increase to an even greater number before we convene next month. This substantial increase in membership indicates fine work by our committees and we are appreciative. The splendid educational programs reported from local and state meetings proves that much thought and planning has been given our educational projects.

The increased interest in our educational projects the past year has been most gratifying and we are indebted to the members of the dental profession, who, without remuneration served as instructors for our 104-Hour Study Course and on our Examining Committees to help us further our educational goals. It has been said, unjustly, that dentists have ignored the whole proceeding of Certification of Dental Assistants. Proof of the error of this statement lies in the fact that 21 states have held certification examinations since the inception of the program and in every instance dentists have willingly and enthusiastically served on the Examining Committees. Since 1948, 768 members have been certified and we expect well over 800 to become certified before the annual meeting. The majority of these members took the study course and the examination, those who have become certified by long service records (ten years experience in ethical dental office, past five year membership) are in the minority. This could not have been accomplished without the co-operation of the dentists and dental educators. There is every indication that this interest and co-operation will increase in the near future.

The many inquiries received the past few months from various dental colleges, junior colleges and vocational schools indicate that the formal training of the dental assistant has become of much interest and importance to the profession and rightfully so. For twenty-five years the A. D. A. A. has struggled and persevered for education for the dental assistant, and we shall continue to do so. Our concentrated efforts to achieve a national standard of qualification for assistants with our American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc. has shown us that "Where there is a will, there is a way." We had the will, we made the way, and while not the perfect answer to our problems, it is a beginning, a good beginning, and as we progress and recognize the weaknesses in the structure of Certification, changes will be made for the benefit of the majority of our members and we will continue to search for the answer. That we may depend on the members of the dental profession to help us in our search is a foregone conclusion.

Let us continue the good work for educational and constructive programs within our local societies and we will achieve the ideals and objectives set forth by our Founder, Juliette A. Southard. Allow me to remind you of Juliette's birthday on September 25. Honor our Founder with some project or party this month, the funds received from our local and state societies mean much to the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund, we depend on you to help with this fund, as we may someday depend on the fund to help us.

I would like to express the sincere thanks of the entire A. D. A. A. to our Convention Committees, who have worked so diligently to make our Silver Anniversary one of our most outstanding annual meetings. From all of us to all of you, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU, we know the meeting will be successful in every respect.

It has indeed been an honor and pleasure to serve as your President and I am grateful for the opportunity it has given me to be of service to you and our fine association. It has been a year that I shall always cherish in my memories and look back upon with much pleasure.

I am looking forward to seeing YOU in San Francisco next month; will YOU be there? We hope so.

With kindest regards to each of you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Katie McConnell, President
American Dental Assistants Association

ALMS IN AUTUMN

Spindle-wood, spindle-wood, will you lend me, pray,
A little flaming lantern to light me on my way?
The fairy folk have vanished from the meadow and the glen,
And I would fain go seeking till I find them once again;
Lend me now a lantern that I may bear a light
To show the hidden pathway in the darkness of the night.

Ash tree, ash tree, throw me, if you please,
Throw me down a slender bunch of russet-gold keys;
I fear the gates of fairyland my all be shut fast;
Give me of your magic keys that I may get past;
I'll tie them to my girdle, that as I go along
My heart may find a comfort in their tiny tinkling song.

Holly bush, holly bush, help me in my task,
A pocketful of berries is all the alms I ask;
A pocketful of berries to thread on glowing strands
(I would not go a-visiting with nothing in my hands);
So fine will be the rosy chains, so gay, so glossy bright,
They'll set the realms of fairyland a-dancing with delight.

—Rose Fyleman.

"SERVICE"

By Mary Dell Robertson

"Man does not live by bread alone." The person who works solely to make a living misses much of the joy of living. Your job should also provide a means of expression.

Every normal person takes pride in creating something worthwhile. Your job should be an outlet for this innate pride of creation. To do a quality job, to render a superior service, or to turn out work that reflects credit on oneself satisfies this pride of creation. Whether you work with your hands or your mind, the result of your labor should be something to be proud of.

The pride of accomplishment is an inspiration to the ones who do their work well. The person whose sole interest in the job is limited to the pay check, experiences only the drudgery of work. The thrill of accomplishment is missing in that life.

Your job furnishes you the opportunity to develop leadership and status among your co-workers. The quality of your work goes far toward establishing you in the esteem of others. To be well thought of by others is one of life's great rewards. One's self-respect is enhanced by the sincerest respect of others. Your standing in the community and among your professional and vocational associates will grow out of the quality of your own performance.

Many of your best friendships will be formed on the job where daily work brings you into close contact with others. The social aspects of work are important. The kind and quality of work one does frequently determines the character of his friends. There is no richer side of living than the comradeship of working with congenial friends.

By nature, we are gregarious. Only the abnormal person finds satisfaction in living and working alone. The joys of team-work can be found on the job—working with others to reach a goal.

The desire to contribute to a better life for society exemplifies high character. One's work is more satisfactory if he feels that he is contributing something to the welfare of his community and of his country. Nowhere is better opportunity furnished for making a contribution to the well-being of all than through the work one does. Whether a person is helping to make things that satisfy the needs and pleasures of people, or is working to create cultural values in services, in art or literature, he is rendering service to mankind.

Why work? Not merely to pay the rent, to buy food or clothing. These necessities of life will come in greater abundance to the person who finds pleasure in her work and attacks her job with a zest for accomplishment.

Work, when done in the right spirit is the greatest builder of personal character. Honest service, a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, develops in one a sincerity of purpose. Honest effort is good citizenship. Pulling one's own weight in the boat is fair play. The development of habits of honest service builds character in the one who renders the service.

Through the generations, our constantly rising standards of living have maintained high productivity in whatever they did. Our future standards of living depend upon the productivity of each individual.

There is great need on the part of the people of character to resist the

influence of the "more for less" attitude, which characterizes all too many of our people. Good work is a reflection of good character.

How can you best serve? Here are several specific suggestions:

First: Do not underestimate your own power to make a worthwhile contribution. Remember the old song, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are?" In other words, start to discharge this responsibility of yours right on the job you undertake. Make your work the means of expanding your field of service so that larger responsibilities and opportunities will come to you.

Second: Put service above self. Remember the adage, "He profits most who serves best." Serve well and you have little need for anxiety about your reward. But service must come before any expectation of rewards. Your greatest reward will be in the satisfaction of rendering service, in the esteem of those who know you, and in the pride of creation and accomplishment.

Third: Do not be afraid to seek a goal that is high and important. Attainment of the high goal may seem difficult and remote but remember that no job is too big or difficult if you will keep your eye on the goal. Life comes to you only one day at a time, and no one day is fraught with too many difficulties to overcome. Set a worthwhile goal and make each day's achievement a step in the direction of that goal.

Fourth: Adopt for yourself the working principle that what is right is far more important than who is right. Great men and women reach decisions and take action on the basis of what's right not who's right.

In conclusion: Steer the course of your career with an open mind, with tolerance, with fidelity to truth, and with a sincere sense of your social responsibility. Complete satisfaction will come to the one who is doing

work she likes and likes those with whom she works.

Presented by:

Mary Dell Robertson, President
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DENTAL CARIES

Mankind's most common disease, tooth decay, is a product of our civilization, Dr. Paul E. Boyle, professor of oral histology and pathology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, reported in the August issue of *The Journal of the American Dental Association*.

"The almost universal prevalence of tooth decay among civilized peoples has been stressed by anthropologists as an expression of degeneration of the human race," Dr. Boyle declared.

Pointing out that prehistoric man had little, if any tooth decay, Dr. Boyle said:

"The teeth of savages in various parts of the world have been found to be strikingly similar to those of early man in respect to caries (decay) susceptibility. Few of their teeth show evidence of decay.

"There is an overwhelming amount of evidence indicating a marked increase in dental caries following contact of primitive peoples with civilization."

Civilized man's heavy consumption of carbohydrates, particularly sugars, is generally believed to be the major factor in the cause of tooth decay, Dr. Boyle asserted.

He pointed out that reduction of sugars in the diet has been shown to lower the incidence and the rate of progress in caries.

As one means of reducing decay, Dr. Boyle urged universal treatment of the teeth of children with topical application of a sodium fluoride solu-

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Parliamentarian

NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES ACT OF 1949

In all probability the dental profession will be called upon to assist state agencies in carrying out the provisions of the School Health Services Act (S1411) which has a good chance for passage by Congress, according to most predictions.

The plan would make provisions for medical and dental examinations at periodic intervals for all school children, and it would provide treatment for children whose parents are unable to pay for medical and dental care.

An explanation of the plan and of the need for such a program is presented in a report by Senator Thomas of Utah from the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. The report states in part:

There are more than 29,000,000 children in the United States 5 to 17 years of age. Each of these children needs certain basic health services. . . . It has been estimated that there are 4,000,000 children with visual defects, 1,000,000 with hearing defects, 500,000 with orthopedic and plastic defects, 500,000 with rheumatic fever, and 200,000 with epilepsy. . . . It has been estimated from various dental studies that 75 per cent of all school children need some amount of dental care, and on the average that children beginning school have six teeth already involved in the decay process. . . .

Approximately three-fourths of the states now provide for physical (medical) examinations or inspections of their school children. Some of the state laws require physical examinations every year, some specify examinations every 3 or 4 years. . . . Responsibility in the states for the administration of school health services usually is divided between the state health and education agencies; in some states the state health agency has full responsibility; in others, the state education agency.

S1411 would authorize an annual appropriation of \$35,000,000 begin-

ning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 in addition to funds necessary to pay the cost of administration.

It appears to be a safe prediction that if the bill is passed by Congress there will be a mad scramble between health and education agencies in many states for the administrative authority to supervise the child health services. Another controversial issue will be the distribution of funds for examinations and medical and dental treatment, since obviously there will not be enough money available for all the services needed.

SILVER

The 1949 Annual Meeting will have a "Silver Lining"—this being the Silver Jubilee year. Twenty-five years is quite a span in the life of a professional organization. Much has happened in the world during that period of time. A period of wild, unstable prosperity; a prolonged depression; the most terrible war in history, climaxed by the use of the atomic bomb.

Much has happened in the history of our organization; but it has been a period of steady achievement. It has been a long, hard climb; now, we are beginning to feel that our feet are on solid ground.

Since the meeting in Houston, Texas in 1941 our membership has more than doubled. The strain and stress of the war years brought us more recognition from the profession which we serve; it is now a proven fact that it is possible for a practicing Dentist to serve more patients with the help of a trained assistant.

The training of assistants is also an accomplished fact, with the inauguration of the 104-hour Study Courses, which are being held all over the United States, and which have graduated several hundreds of assistants in the past two years. Education has always been the watch-word of the American Dental Assistants Association.

Other notable accomplishments have been the establishment of a Central Office; procedure to put into practical use the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund and the Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Fund. A complete "Job Analysis" survey: the addition of "high school graduation or its equivalent" to the membership requirements" thereby, definitely raising the standard of dental assistants and assisting, which, after all is the reason for the organization.

Now we come up to our "Silver Anniversary." The encyclopedia says that "Silver" has always been classed with the world's precious metals, and has been in use since the dawn of history. It further says that it takes a high polish and is a powerful reflector of light; to which purpose we dedicate our "Silver Anniversary."

—S. L.

NOTICE

Because of the National Convention in San Francisco October 17-20th, the November-December issue of the Dental Assistants Magazine will not be published until about December 1st.

Secretary's Corner

By Mary L. Martin, Executive Secretary

610 Jefferson Ave.

LaPorte, Indiana

On August 1st, there was sent to all State Presidents and Secretaries, and to the Secretaries of all Local societies, a bulletin listing the proposed changes in the A. D. A. A. By-Laws, which are to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, next October. This was accompanied by a copy of the A. D. A. A. By-Laws as amended in 1948. Please see that these changes are brought to the attention of your society, and that your Delegates are instructed as to its wishes in the matter.

Each State and Local Secretary has received, or will shortly receive, a copy of the Official Program for our TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING. This is your society's copy. It will be of interest to your members—please bring it to their attention.

Each State and Local Secretary has also received a copy of the Directory of Officers for 1949-1950. This, also, is for the use and reference of the entire society.

Delegates and Alternates will shortly receive their Credential cards from their State Secretaries.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY DINNER

You are planning to attend our special banquet, aren't you? This banquet will be held at 6:30 P. M., Thursday, October 20 in the Furniture Mart, 1355 Market St., one block north of the Whitcomb Hotel. It will be formal, giving us all a chance to relax and dress up for the big occasion. Guests will be welcome, in fact the date was chosen so we would not conflict with the convention plans and we can all have fun. Tickets may be secured at the registration desk and will be \$6.00. We have planned an evening of perfect entertainment and good fellowship. Let's all celebrate the close of the meeting together.

"OFFICIAL SUITE OPEN HOUSE PARTY"

To all members attending the Silver Anniversary Meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association in San Francisco, California, a cordial invitation is extended to you by the Officers and Board to a "get-acquainted" (informal) Official Suite Open House Party, Sunday afternoon, at the Hotel Whitcomb, from 2 to 4 P. M., as their guests. We are looking forward with pleasure to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Grace Robinson, Official Suite Hostess

THE ANGELO CHIAVARO LOYAL ASSISTANT TROPHY

The Angelo Chiavaro Loyal Assistant Trophy will be presented to the member of the A. D. A. A. present at the annual meeting who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer, provided that she has not previously received this Trophy. A certificate, giving date of

original employment, attested by the employer, president and secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the A. D. A. A. for at least two years must be notarized. The certificates may be mailed to the Executive Secretary up to October 1, thereafter, they are to be turned over to her no later than Monday, October 17, 1949, at 5:00 P. M.

MEET ME AT THE CONVENTION

It is with pleasure that I look forward to my visit to the National Convention in San Francisco, October 17th-20th. It is my sincere hope that I will be on the lapel of every Dental Assistant I meet there. I will readily identify her as a member of a worthy educational organization. All who look upon me say I am exquisite. I proclaim the aims and purpose of our great organization, Education-Efficiency-Loyalty and Service. Each word rich in a wealth of meaning, yet not one complete without the others. Surely everyone attending the Convention will proudly wear me over her heart.

I dedicate myself to my organization and to you. I am honored and privileged to be your EMBLEM PIN.

A. D. A. A. Pin Committee
Vera McLarin, Chairman.

AMMONIATED

Don't expect too much from your new ammoniated dentifrice as a preventive of tooth decay. It is still in the experimental stage, the Journal of the American Dental Association said editorially today.

Many of the claims now being made for the new dentifrices are not warranted by present scientific evidence, the Journal editorial stated.

"Whether ammoniated dentifrices will prove as effective in sweeping away caries (decay) as their advertisers have been in sweeping the country with glowing claims, time alone will tell.

"Meanwhile the public will have the privilege of being guinea pigs, the dentist will be extremely cautious in his recommendations and the purchaser will brush his teeth with tongue in cheek if such is physically possible."

The Journal said that while preliminary reports have indicated that the ammoniated preparations may help prevent decay, it will be at least another year or longer before sufficient tests have been carried out to pro-

vide a proper evaluation of the new products.

Because the new dentifrices may be effective, at least in part, the Association has not tried to discourage the public from using the ammoniated preparations.

Members of the dental profession, however, are viewing the current large-scale promotion of the new products with mixed emotions, the editorial said.

"Their hope that the use of the new formulas will control, partially at least, the destructive action of caries is tempered by apprehension lest their promised effectiveness prove as disappointing as have previous dental panaceas."

Pointing out that experiences with numerous "panaceas" advanced in the past has made the dental profession extremely wary of sweeping promises based on preliminary evidence, the Journal declared:

"The profession, rightfully, will withhold judgment on ammoniated dentifrices until clinical trial and carefully controlled studies have proved their worth."

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION **ADAA ANNUAL MEETING — October 17-20, 1949** **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

The City by the Golden Gate is anxiously awaiting your arrival whether it be by land, air or sea thus Aloha to our new friends of the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association.

Of concern to all is the financial problem of a trip. There would be a saving by using tourist sleeping cars where operated. Tourist sleeper cars are no longer in service between Chicago and San Francisco via the Overland Route, however, they are available on Southern Pacific's Golden State Route using the daily train IMPERIAL.

Example:

Lv. Chicago	Tue., Oct. 11	11:00 a. m.
Lv. St. Louis	Tue., Oct. 11	4:00 p. m.
Lv. Kansas City	Tue., Oct. 11	10:45 p. m.
Ar. El Paso	Wed., Oct. 12	5:50 p. m.
Ar. Los Angeles	Thu., Oct. 13	3:00 p. m.
Lv. Los Angeles	Thu., Oct. 13	7:15 p. m.
Ar. San Francisco	Fri., Oct. 14	7:45 a. m.

You will note that arrival date for all itineraries which appear in your July-August issue of the ADAA Journal is October 14 due to the fact that many will be taking the Annual Examination for Certification on October 15.

Here's wishing you all a happy journey and we will be seeing you.

Transportation Committee
 Ethel Sheppe
 Lola Berg
 Christina Pittman
 Vivian Wreden, Chairman
 1412 Union Street
 San Francisco 9,
 California

RESUME OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR 1949 MEETING **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA** **OCT. 17-20**

Saturday	9:00 A. M.—Certification Examination	Lux College
	1:00 P. M.—Board Meeting	Official Suite
	6:30 P. M.—Board Dinner	Tonga Room, Fairmont Hotel
Sunday	9:30 A. M.—Board of Trustees Meeting with Past Presidents Council and Journal Staff	Official Suite
	2-4 P. M.—Official Suite Open House Party	
	4:30-6 P. M.—Boat trip	
Monday	9:00 A. M.—Opening session with General meeting.	
	2:00 P. M.—First Session House of Delegates	
Tuesday	9-12 A. M.—Clinics with ADA	Civic Auditorium
	2:00 P. M.—Second session House of Delegates	
Wednesday	9:00 A. M.—Conference with Delegates	
Wednesday	2:00 P. M.—Third session House of Delegates	
Thursday	9:00 A. M.—Fourth session House of Delegates Installation of officers	
	2:30-5 P. M.—Clinics with ADA	Civic Auditorium
	6:30 P. M.—Reception and Dinner honoring Katie McConnell	
	All meetings to be held in the Crystal Room, Whitcomb Hotel	

CLINIC, POSTER AND EXHIBIT INFORMATION FOR THE ADAA MEETING SAN FRANCISCO — OCTOBER 17-20th

Clinics

The ADAA is limited to thirty clinics for presentation with the ADA this year, the first fifteen sent in by your secretary by the questionnaire will be presented Tuesday, October 18th from 9:30 to 12:00 noon, the second fifteen sent in will be presented Thursday, October 20th from 2:30 to 5:00 P. M. at the Civic Auditorium. The remaining ones will be alternates and will move up in rotation as they were received, in such event that any of the first thirty can not participate. If you as a clinician find that it is going to be impossible to participate, please notify me at once, so I can inform the ADA, as they will be making arrangements for your table and set-up, also the ADA will make your placards with your name and your clinic title on them. They will try to get the necessary equipment that you asked for on your questionnaires. I've mailed all of the clinicians the ADA questionnaires, the ADAA instruction sheet (on how to dress and how to demonstrate your clinic) and I've assigned each of you your day of presentation. It is imperative that the questionnaire be returned to me. If you have not received the above and you are to be a clinician please notify me at once.

All clinicians and alternates will meet in my room (check at desk for my room number) at Whitcomb hotel Monday, October 17th at 6:00 P. M. If you do not report to me an alternate will take your place. Also an outline of your clinic must be mailed to me not later than September 15th. If some of your titles were changed, it is because it was necessary to meet the ADA regulations, that we shall not infringe upon the field of dentistry, but adhere strictly to what the assistant can do in a dental office.

If any clinician can not secure the regulation No. 155 dental assistant cap, write to: Geo. Innes Co., Bwdy at Williams, Wichita, Kansas. They are 75c plus postage from the nurse's uniform department.

Your clinics will be competitive and will be judged at each session.

The posters must be mailed in good corrugated cardboard to: Mrs. Iva M. Barker, c/o Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, California, marked HOLD for DENTAL ASSISTANT MEETING. They should be mailed by September 20th. Do not bring them with you, as I make up the exhibit two days previous to our meeting, and they do not get there in time. Each state secretary or local secretary (where no state association exists) is responsible for this, and your society's name, secretary's name and address should be on the back.

Exhibits

The main exhibit of the ADAA, "SERVICE—FOR THE PATIENT—FOR THE DOCTOR" will be on display in the Scientific Section of the ADA at the Civic Auditorium. This will be a continuous exhibit from 9:00 A. M. Monday, October 17th until 6:00 P. M. Thursday, October 20th. Each day from 9:00 A. M. 'til 6:00 P. M. dental assistants in uniform will be in the exhibit. Be sure to visit your educational exhibit.

Are you Southern California Bound?

It would be a crime to come all the way to San Francisco and not "see" and "feel" the charm of Southern California.

Here is a suggestion: When you are booking your tickets, request that they be booked to Los Angeles VIA San Francisco. In this way you can see Southern California on the same ticket and return home the Southern route. If you would like to see the world-famous Grand Canyon, "Sante Fe" has a special one-day layover trip that you can book on the Pullman line for only a few dollars extra on your fare. In October, the grandeur of the Grand Canyon will be breath-taking . . . a memorable trip. This train leaves Los Angeles each day at 1:30 p. m. If you plan to leave San Francisco on Friday, October 21st for Los Angeles, the Southern Pacific "Daylight" trains run as follows:

Leave San Francisco at 8:15 a. m. . . Arrive Los Angeles at 9:55 p. m.

Leave San Francisco at 12:15 p. m. . . Arrive Los Angeles at 6:00 p. m.

This line of streamline trains takes you down the beautiful California coastline . . . a truly thrilling trip! ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED . . . so be sure that this part of your trip is reserved with your original booking.

See the "Application for Hotel Accommodations" and make your reservations early as space is extremely limited in Los Angeles for this week because of several large conventions here at the same time. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Alexandria Hotel and reservations will be accepted as they are received.

We have a typically Southern California Day planned for you on Saturday, October 22nd. We must know how many to plan for, so will you kindly supply the following information for our L. A. "Dream-Day" Chairman? Capitola Urban, L. A. Day Chairman

Arrival Date _____	Hour _____	A. M.	Rail _____
		P. M.	Auto _____
My Departure Date _____	Hour _____	A. M.	Plane _____
		P. M.	Bus _____

I have made my hotel reservation at the _____ hotel

I have made my reservation on the S. P. "Daylight" for _____ Date _____ Hour _____

Watch the Dental Assistant for more information.

California's warm welcome is waiting for you!

Ethel Sheppe, ADAA Transportation Committee Member.

WHAT TO WEAR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Days are usually comfortably warm in October. You will need a light coat for the evenings are cool. Casual clothes are always in order. A simple dress for tea and dinner, a sports dress or suit for sightseeing.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT THE ALEXANDRIA HOTEL IMMEDIATELY TO ASSURE YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS. WRITE THE ALEXANDRIA HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, DIRECTLY. STATE HOUR AND DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. ALSO NAMES OF ROOMMATES. NO DEPOSITS.

Note: Reservation confirmation will be sent applicant by the hotel.

Give names and addresses of persons to occupy each room:

YOUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DATES

Saturday, October 22nd

9 to 12 a. m.—Bus tour through Hollywood and vicinity.

3 to 5 p. m.—Tea as guests of the Southern California State D. A. A.

6:30—Dinner at the La Golondrina on picturesque Olvera Street.

You will board a bus which will be waiting at the Alexandria Hotel in Los Angeles at 9 a. m. on Saturday morning that will take you on a typical glamourland tour. You will go down the smart Wilshire District shopping center, pass the Ambassador Hotel and the famous Brown Derby restaurant. Through beautiful Beverly Hills and see the homes of many celebrities and movie stars. On to Hollywood, to Grauman's Chinese Theatre where numerous stars have preserved their hand and foot prints in the cement of the forecourt. You will be taken through one of the world-famous movie studios where the pictures are born. Exclusive Bel Air is a lush setting for more famous homes, through the Riviera to Will Rogers' home and State Memorial Park. Then down to Santa Monica and along the blue Pacific to see the seaside homes of the stars. Back to the Alexandria by noon.

From 3 to 5 p. m. you will be the guests of the Southern California D. A. A. at tea.

At 6:30 we go down to picturesque Olvera Street, a charming miniature of Old Mexico. There we shall have dinner in a gay Mexican atmosphere highlighted with the spirited music and color so much a part of Southern California.

If you wish to be included in these activities, please write:

Capitola Urban 1952 Pinehurst Road, Los Angeles 28, California.

Capitola Urban, L. A. Day Chairman Florence Meyers, Co-Chairman

APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN LOS ANGELES

American Dental Assistants Association

Note: Single rooms are very limited. Please arrange to share twin, three, or four-bedded rooms.

Miss Traynor

c/o Alexandria Hotel Los Angeles, Calif.

Please reserve the following:

_____ Single Room	Rate: \$ 5.00
_____ Twin-bedded room	Rate: \$ 8.50
_____ Three-bedded room	Rate: \$10.50
_____ Four-bedded room	Rate: \$12.00

Arrival Date _____ Hour _____ A. M.

P. M.

Departure Date _____ Hour _____ A. M.

P. M.

Name _____

Address _____

Signed, _____

Name _____

Address _____

NO DEPOSITS PLEASE

Deadline: October 1, 1949.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1949

It's Birthday Time

September 25 will be the Birthday Anniversary of Juliette A. Southard. As you know, this anniversary is observed each year with parties to raise funds for our Relief Benefits. What have you planned for your contribution?

The following tribute was written by Mary Cosgrove Meisters, of Brooklyn, at the time of Juliette's demise. Its beauty should inspire everyone to support a cause she would be proud of.

The work you started, Juliette,
Your grateful girls will not forget.
Nor all your dreams and work to see
Us strong and proud in unity;
Nor how you sensed our unfulfilled need,
As we tried to maintain your creed.

Could we but have the ready smile
And willing hands outstretched the while;
Yes, Juliette, you still inspire,
The best to give was your desire,
So dreams you worked to make come true
We'll do our best to keep for you.

Submitted by:

The JAS Birthday Party Committee

"The Division of Graduate and Postgraduate Studies at Tufts College Dental School has announced its schedule for graduate courses for the year 1949-1950. Graduate work leading to a Certificate may be taken in Orthodontics, Oral Pathology, Oral Pediatrics, Oral Surgery, Periodontology, Prosthetics, and Radiology. All courses listed are designed to meet the requirements of the respective specialty boards. Applicants interested obtaining the degree of Master of Science may do so by combining their clinical courses with a major endeavor in a basic, dental or medical science.

"In addition to graduate work, postgraduate refresher courses are offered in all fields of dentistry. Such courses are given on a one-day per week and on a consecutive day basis. Approximately forty such courses are to be offered starting in October, 1949 and conducted through June, 1950.

"For information regarding either the graduate or postgraduate courses address correspondence to

Dr. Arthur H. Wuehrmann
Division of Graduate & Postgraduate Studies
Tufts College Dental School
416 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts."

SAN FRANCISCO — YOUR CONVENTION CITY

Delegates to the 1949 San Francisco convention will encounter one of America's most fascinating and cosmopolitan cities.

First of all, San Francisco is a great town. Even the natives admit that. As for our visitors, pin them down for an analysis of its uniqueness and they can't quite put their feelings into words.

Perhaps it's because it results from a subtle compound of hills and the Bay and the Golden Gate and Market Street, the waterfront, good eating and a melange of races from every corner of the planet and the friendliness of the people and a half-dozen other factors.

San Francisco, gateway to Hawaii, the fabulous Orient and lands "down under," is a city which distinguished visitors from all over the globe have characterized as one of supreme and exotic beauty. It is situated for the most part on the slopes of seven hills which rise above San Francisco Bay on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other.

Glamorous, island-dotted San Francisco Bay, one of the world's largest land-locked harbors, a 473-square mile inland sea, was discovered by landsmen. It was discovered, as far as white men are concerned, in 1769 when Don Gaspar De Portola and a little band of Spanish adventurers first glimpsed it from nearby hills to the south.

San Francisco itself is a peninsula, or thumb of land, sticking out from the southern mainland, and the Bay separates the peninsula from the eastern mainland.

The city is encompassed in three directions by glorious clusters of hills and mountains stretching upward from the whirling bay tides—the peaceful wooded slopes of Mount Tamalpais and the Marin hills on the north, the Berkeley hills on the east, and the Coast range and Santa Cruz mountains on the south.

The Pacific Ocean reaches into the Bay through a narrow gorge, one mile wide, known as the famed Golden Gate. This gateway is spanned by the mile-long Golden Gate Bridge, longest single suspension span in the world, with 4,200 feet of suspended structure.

The space between the thumb and the mainland, some five miles, is spanned by the great San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Bugs Baer, the columnist, once said this bridge is proof that you can't beat Californians, because it is an 8¼ mile structure over a five mile bay. He didn't explain that the bridge is built high above the Bay waters, to enable ships to pass beneath it—some 200-feet at the highest point—and that it is necessary for it to extend a mile or more inland on either side to bring it down to ground level without too steep a gradient.

There's much for the eye to see, for the palate to taste, and many places for the feet or vehicles to go in San Francisco—Telegraph Hill with Coit Tower on its top, commanding a grand view of the entire harbor and both bridges; Fisherman's Wharf, a bit of Naples to the eye and a bit of heaven if you enjoy fresh seafood, where heaps of crabs and shrimps are cooked before your eyes; the hill-climbing cable cars; fabled Chinatown, the largest Chinese community outside of China; and traditional fine foods, with virtually every nation represented in specialized eating places.

At the ocean beach there is the famous Cliff House and Seal Rocks; Fleishhacker Pool, the world's largest outdoor swimming pool, a thousand feet long, open the year around; the Zoological Gardens with lions and



VIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO FROM TOP OF MART

—Picture Courtesy Redwood Empire Association.

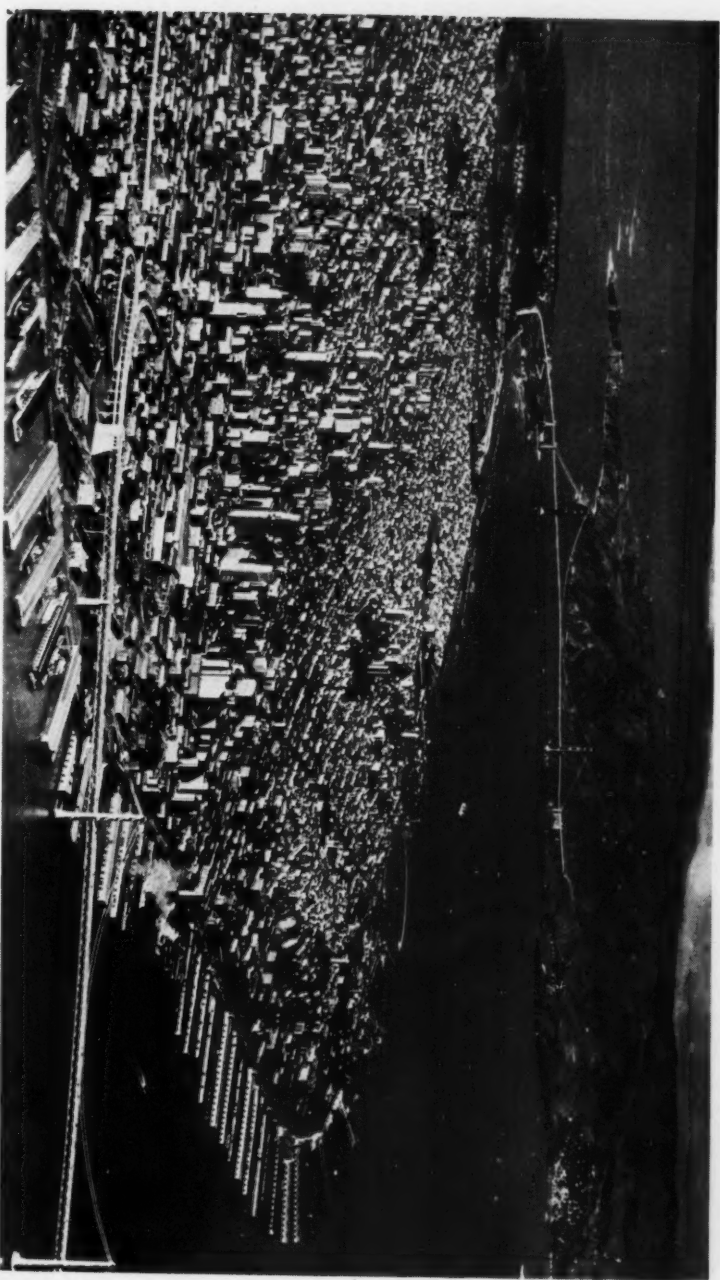
tigers and bears and elephants and monkeys and other creatures of the plain and jungle; miles long Golden Gate Park, with its De Young Museum, Steinhart Aquarium, Academy of Sciences, Oriental Tea Garden, and an infinity of natural attractions; historic and beautiful Presidio of San Francisco, headquarters of our Western Army, and many other places and things.

San Francisco has its cultural aspects, its artists and writers being world-renowned. Several famous colleges and universities surround the Bay. It maintains its own Municipal Opera House, where the United Nations was born, and where the world's outstanding opera stars are shared with the Metropolitan of New York.

There are many beautiful and interesting places easily accessible to San Francisco which we will be glad to tell you about—and there will be a variety of detailed literature available when you arrive.

This is a kaleidoscopic picture of your convention city, spotty and unclassified, which is as it should be, for San Francisco is in itself an amazing collection of wholly unrelated people and things—but sea-cooled, sun-gay, fascinating, and cosmopolitan.

Your arrangements chairman, co-chairman, and committee members hope that you will all come and see for yourself, and that your visit here will be enjoyable.



This fine airview of SAN FRANCISCO shows the waterfront, the first section of the Bay Bridge, the business section, the three famous hills—RUSSIAN AND NOB AND TELEGRAPH—and in the background the Redwood Empire and the hills of Marin County. —Redwood Empire Association Photo

CALIFORNIA AND THE GOLDEN GATE

The very name "California" carries with it the spirit of romance, musical as it is to the ear and legendary in origin. And while San Francisco is not linked closely with the very early history of the State the same spirit pervades it strongly.

The recorded history of California goes back 407 years to September, 1542, when civilization first touched its shores with the landing of Spanish navigators led by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who discovered San Diego Bay, at the extreme south end of the State. He later explored the coast as far as Point Reyes, just north of San Francisco, but presumably missed the Golden Gate to San Francisco Bay.

In 1579 Sir Francis Drake, British explorer whom the early Spaniards styled as pirate, landed on the coast between the Golden Gate and Point Reyes, near what is now known as Drake's Bay, after also missing the Golden Gate. He claimed the territory for Britain and named it New Albion, but sailed away never to return.

The prehistoric settlers of California were the Indians, who for centuries before the voyage of Columbus had made their rude homes along the coast. Neither history nor tradition informs us definitely of their origin.

But it was more than 200 years from the landing of Cabrillo before anything was done toward populating or developing the territory to the north. This began with the arrival at San Diego in 1768 with an expedition led by Don Gaspar de Portola. Thus, before the English colonists on the Atlantic coast had started the American Revolution, the Spaniards on the Pacific coast had begun the establishment of Franciscan Missions—the earliest outposts of western civilization.

The story of the founding of the Missions—a chain of 21, sometimes referred to as Father Serra's Rosary—by Father Junipero Serra and his courageous band, is reminiscent of the birth of California. The missions were separated in distance by what could be covered over the various types of terrain on horse or mule over dusty trails between dawn and dusk.

The Missions dot historic El Camino Real—The Highway of the King—close to the coast and adjacent areas from San Diego to San Francisco. History tells us that King Carlos, The Third, of Spain, fearful that Russia or England might take possession of California, ordered the colonization.

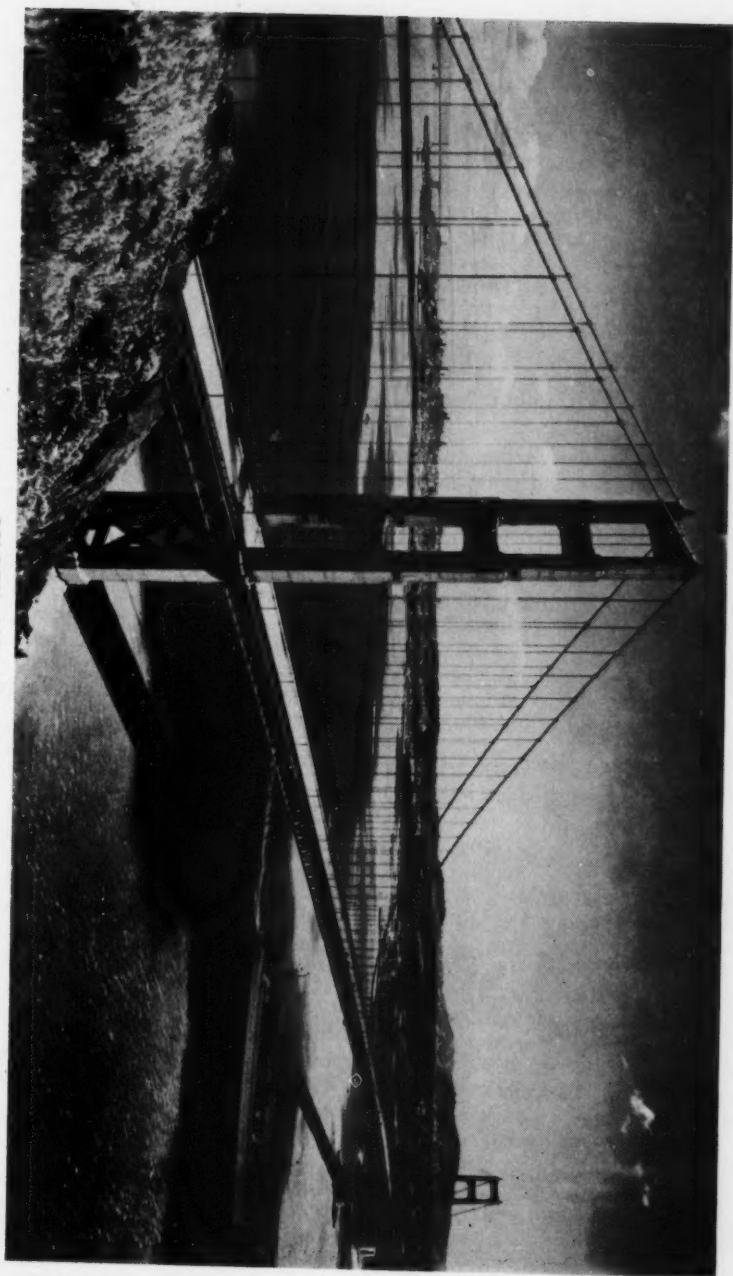
The program took several years, and on June 29, 1776, a few days before our forefathers declared our independence in Philadelphia, Father Serra and the followers of St. Francis, founded Mission Francisco de Assisi, now known as Mission Dolores, in what is now the heart of San Francisco. This old Mission church may still be seen intact at Sixteenth and Dolores Streets, and about it has grown, through eventful and turbulent years, through hardship and disaster, the City of San Francisco.

The town gradually grew and was first known as El Paraje de Yerba Buena, or Place of Mint, after a small white minty plant, and officially rechristened with its present name in 1847. The name Yerba Buena is still applied to the island through which the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge tunnel passes.

California remained under Spanish rule until the independence of Mexico from Spain was declared in April, 1822, with California under Mexican jurisdiction. In 1846 there was a rumor that Mexico contemplated expelling Americans who had settled in California, and this and other circum-

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

—Redwood Empire Association Photo



stances caused American colonists to stage the Bear Flag revolt and capture a Mexican barracks at Sonoma, north of San Francisco, proclaim California a republic and raise the historic Bear Flag, still the emblem of the State.

This was quickly followed by the ceding of California and the raising of the Stars and Stripes by Commodore Sloat of the U. S. Navy at Monterey, to the south of San Francisco, on July 7, 1846, adoption of a Constitution for a new State in October, 1849, and admission of California as the thirty-first State of the Union on September 9, 1850—referred to as Admission Day and widely celebrated annually.

History records that in 1848 San Francisco had 820 people, 200 houses, one school, one newspaper and two wharves. Then came the gold rush and the city grew rapidly, with an estimated 40,000 arriving overland and perhaps as many by sea in 1849. The County of San Francisco, comprising the entire city, was created in 1850. San Francisco's approximate population today is 825,000.

Many more thousands make up the population of our neighbors around the bay, a group of friendly and interesting communities and areas.

Just across the Golden Gate Bridge to the north is Marin County, with a fine grove of the famed Redwood trees on the slopes of Mount Tamalpais. Many larger groves will be found farther north for those who are driving. Marin is also the seat of the famed San Quentin prison and a chain of residential communities.

Eastward across the 8-mile San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge are half a score of bustling communities in Alameda County, including Oakland and Berkeley, with Contra Costa county and its oil refineries to the north.

To the south, or "Down the Peninsula" as the natives say, lies another chain of thriving communities, beautiful homes and estates, recreational attractions and a wide variety of types of picturesque country from flat plains to mountains and the rugged coast line.

DENTAL CARIES

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tion. Such treatments, he said, have lowered the incidence of decay by at least 40 per cent.

In another article in the current Journal, Dr. Guttorm Toverud, of Oslo, Norway, reported that studies of Norwegian children during World War II had demonstrated the relation of sugar consumption to tooth decay.

During the war years, as the consumption of sugar was cut to a minimum, Norwegian children had considerably less tooth decay than in the pre-war years when sweets were more plentiful, Dr. Toverud said.

"The variety of food was small from day to day and there was no chance for luxurious consumption," Dr. Toverud described the war-time diet in Norway.

"Sugar was rationed . . . sugar cakes, puddings and different kinds of sweets were scarce. During the two last years of war no candy could be bought."

The Norwegian scientist pointed out that with the return of dietary conditions to normal following the war, an increase in the incidence of tooth decay among Norwegian children has already been noted.

GOLD AND THE MOTHER LODE

Gold was the economic resource which led to California's first major development, and which played an early part in the development of San Francisco.

It was on January 24, 1848, that an event occurred which startled the whole civilized world. Gold was discovered at Sutter's mill, a small saw-mill, on the American river 50-odd miles east of Sacramento, by John W. Marshall, a small contractor. Captain John A. Sutter, a former Swiss trader, had settled there in 1839 and built the mill and hired Marshall to make some improvements.

In the course of his operations Marshall had occasion to admit the river water to the tailrace for the purpose of widening and deepening it by the strength of the current. In doing this a considerable quantity of mud, sand and gravel was carried along with the stream and deposited in a heap at the foot of the tailrace.

Marshall, on this day, when examining his building work, noticed a few glittering particles lying near the edge of the heap. His curiosity aroused, he gathered some of the sparkling objects and satisfied himself they were gold. Trembling with excitement, he hurried to Sutter and told his story. Captain Sutter at first thought it was mad fiction and that Marshall was a mad fool.

In fact, Sutter admitted afterward, he kept a sharp eye on his loaded rifle while Marshall was unfolding his story. But his doubts were dispelled when Marshall, to prove his story, tossed on the table before him, in a dirty rag, an ounce or so of the shining dust.

The two agreed to keep the matter a secret and quietly share the golden harvest. As they searched more eagerly and gloated upon the rich deposits, their eager gestures and looks and muttered words attracted the attention of a Mormon laborer who was employed in the neighborhood and happened by the mill daily.

He became curious and followed their movements and speedily became as wise as they. Secrecy was of little importance to him, and he went downstream, gathered some flakes himself and lost no time in exhibiting them to others.

The secret was out, and the cry of "gold, gold" soon spread, and the most famous gold rush of all time was underway.

People from all over flocked into San Francisco and headed for the "diggings" in the Mother Lode country, and although the city's population had grown swiftly, the growing town was soon almost deserted. Ships with valuable cargoes arrived, and even the crewmen deserted for the gold country, and merchants had hard times getting their merchandise to their places of business.

Prices of labor and merchandise soared, with, for example, bean soup listed on one menu at \$1, 18-karat hash, \$1, plain baked beans, 75 cents, "greased" baked beans, \$1, and other items, with plain rice pudding for dessert to be had at 75 cents, and \$1 with molasses.

VIEWS OF THE NEWS

By Dorothy McLeese

HOPE AND FAITH

The two are inseparable since hope kindles faith. We must go on hoping and having faith in order to accomplish anything worth while.

One goes on hoping day after day, but we must put our faith where it will be safe; and the only place where a faith ever can be safe is in the shrine of action. Phillips Brooks says, "Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Hope and faith will make those tasks an assured accomplishment."

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

First District—

The first meeting of the Massachusetts Dental Assistants Association Executive Board was held on July 24th at the home of Esther Hyland, Trustee for the First District. The purpose for this meeting was to lay plans for the coming year.

Metropolitan District has plans under way for the Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party to be held at their September meeting. A Chinese Auction will be part of the evenings' entertainment as a means of raising money for the Juliette A. Southard Fund.

Valley District: A group of nineteen Dental Assistants received their caps at a special exercise on May 20, at the Trade High School in Springfield.

Merrimack Valley: A note from Frances Chenery says that they held their last meeting of the year at the home of one of their members and made plans for the coming year. They are planning their first meeting as a Birthday Party in honor of Juliette A. Southard.

The Delegates from Massachusetts are looking forward to their trip to California.

The Connecticut Dental Assistants Association's eighth annual meeting June 1, 1949 at the Hotel Griswold, Eastern Point, New London, Connecticut.

Miss Rose Susi of New London, Conn., was re-installed President of the Connecticut Dental Assistants Association at the group's eighth annual meeting June 1, 1949, at the Hotel Griswold in Groton. Installation brought to a close the assistants one day meeting. The ceremony was part of the annual banquet program attended by 53 from different parts of the state.

The election took place during the annual house of delegates meeting Tuesday night at the hotel.

Mae A. Lavery of Hartford was installing officer. Dolores Enos of New London was toastmaster.

The Mae Lavery trophy cup was presented as first prize for a dental clinic on sodium fluoride to Marjorie Bernier of Fairfield. Second prize went to Mary Daniels of Hartford for a clinic on amalgam dye packing. The first and second poster awards went to Fairfield.

Special banquet guests included officers of the Connecticut State Dental Association, Mrs. Sadie Hadley, chairman of the certification board for the American Dental Assistants Association and immediate past president of the national association, and Esther B. Hyland, first district trustee of the national organization, and past president of the Massachusetts Dental Assistants association.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Hadley and Miss Caroline F. Hawkes, associate director of professional relations, addressed the gathering. Other speakers and competitive clinics were part of the day's program.

Dr. D. F. Patriquin spoke on the subject, Authorization by the Veterans Administration to Participating Dentists.

Miss Rose Susi of New London, Miss Mae Lavery of Hartford, and Mrs. Winifred Groton of Old Greenwich were named delegates to the National Convention.

Second District—

With the suspension of meetings for the summer, lucky Dental Assistants Study Club members are vacationing in this unusual hot weather. Happy Days! Aside from Board meetings, the first get-together is being planned for a September Sunday at the home of Mrs. Joan Lambert Bailey, 593 Liberty ave., Uniondale, L. I. The Social in May was such a big success there! All dental assistants are invited to make reservations through Joan.

The 104 hour extension study course will commence October 5th at the Second District Dental Society Headquarters one Hanson Place, Brooklyn, New York. Fee is \$20.00 for present A.D.A.A. members and \$30.00 for non-members. The First District Dental Assistants Society and the Nassau County Dental Assistants Society have been invited to take the course. There will be twenty-five instructors for the thirty-five classes prepared. Applications are being accepted by Miss Jane G. Lux, Registrar of classes, 769 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, New York.

First Come First Served. Maximum 50 students advised. Dr. Levy's textbook included in the fee.

Lee M. Taras, Publicity Chairman.

The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society of New York held the last meeting of the year on Monday evening May 16, at the Garden City Hotel, Garden City, New York under the chairmanship of their president Louise Mazella.

A number of business matters were discussed and closed for the year; the most important being a change in our constitution from a component of the 2nd district to a component of the 10th district. Following this the installation of officers by Dr. Russell Sherman of Hempstead, New York took place.

The final activity of the year was the annual May dinner, held on May 25th at the Valley Stream Park Inn, Valley Stream, New York. The guests and the assistants had a very enjoyable evening ending an educational and entertaining year.

The next meeting will be held in October at the Garden City Hotel, Garden City, New York.

At the May 17th meeting of the Dental Assistants Society of the First District, N. Y., Inc., new officers were elected and installed. Previous to the meeting, Luella Dopp, Chairman of the Clinic Club and Sylvia Danenbaum presented a "Clinic on Business Management." This presentation showed how the assistant can help in building and maintaining a successful practice and gave many concrete examples and helpful hints.

On Tuesday, May 24th, Dr. Maurice Oringer lectured to a study group on the role of the dental assistant in oral surgery. His talk was illustrated by slides; Dr. Oringer also presented a number of clever helpful hints in chair assisting.

The annual get-together of the Society took the form of a dinner party which was very successful and well-attended.

A wide range of subjects make up the program of classes planned for the coming year, including telephone courtesy, the reception of patients, patient education, sterilization, radiology, the making of dies and the pouring of models, inlay technic, chair assistance, care of equipment and instruments, dental terminology, first aid, collections and recalls. These classes are open free of charge to members.

The first meeting of the new season will take place on September 30th at 8 p. m., in the meeting rooms of the First District Dental Society at the Hotel Statler, N. Y. C. There will be a talk on Radiology for the Dental Assistant.

The Society meets regularly on the third Friday evening of each month. Its purpose is to aid the dental assistant to train in the fundamentals of her calling and to increase her ability to serve the dentist and his patients. Dental assistants are cordially invited to attend the meetings and to become members. Members of the dental profession are always welcome. For further information, please address Miss Sylvia Danenbaum, 700 West 175th Street, N. Y. 33, N. Y.

Beth L. Yench, a member of the Publicity Committee, spoke on "Keeping Fit With Sound Teeth" as part of the program of the Oral Hygiene Committee of Greater New York on July 5th over Station WNYC, N. Y.

Sylvia Danenbaum, Chairman, Publicity Committee.

Dental Assistants Association of the State of New York

An exceptionally fine program for our Annual Meeting at Buffalo in May was arranged by our energetic General Chairman, Miss Dorothy K. Crapser of Poughkeepsie with her competent Co-Chairmen Alberta Spalding, of Syracuse and Mary Kelley of Rochester.

On Tuesday afternoon many of the girls were thrilled by their first visit to Niagara Falls. In the evening the General Electric Company's "House of Magic" gave them an insight to the man made wonders being produced by that great research organization.

The Williams Gold Refining Company graciously allowed our use of their large Assembly Hall for all meetings on Wednesday. After the Executive Meeting and Business Meeting in the afternoon Williams Gold afforded us the pleasure of a tour of inspection through their plant conducted by Dr. Charles Rinale, Head Research Chemist and Mr. George Fine.

Returning to the Assembly Hall for General Session Wednesday evening Dr. Charles A. Pankow, Vice President of the New York State Dental Society, brought to us greetings of the Society. The main speaker of the evening was Dr. Percy T. Phillips. First Speaker, House of Delegates, A.D.A. His topic was "Your Organization—Administration and Co-ordination."

The President's Luncheon on Thursday was well attended, giving an opportunity for greeting old friends and making new ones among the members. Miss Helen Overfield deserves much of the credit for the affable manner in which these arrangements were completed.

The Table Clinics on Friday, held in conjunction with those of the New York State Dental Society were well selected this year for instruction and general interest. In fact, the many



OFFICERS NEW YORK STATE D. A. A.

Reading left to right: Mrs. Alberta Spalding, 1st Vice President; Miss Mary Telford, Retiring Secretary; Miss Virginia O'Neill, Retiring President; Miss Maryanne Rice, Treasurer; Miss Dorothy K. Crapser, newly-elected President. Mrs. Hazel B. Hinkley, Secretary, was not present at the time the picture was taken.

dentists who viewed these clinics commented most favorably on their presentation.

Miss Dorothy K. Crapser and Miss Martha Sepe, members of the Hudson Valley Dental Assistants and Hygienists Society, Poughkeepsie, had a Clinic on "A Reward for Junior," augmenting their discussion by use of interesting plaster models. Clinicians Miss Mary Kelley and Miss Gladys Kennedy, members of the Rochester Dental Assistants Society, had as their subject, "Casting Gold Inlays." Syracuse Study Club was represented by Miss Madaline Porter using as her subject, "Proper Diet for Healthy Teeth." "Pleasing the Child Patient," given by Miss Gene Bartnicki, member of Schnectady Dental Assistants Association, was also a very interesting Clinic.

Looking to the future, our new President, Miss Dorothy K. Crapser, and Mrs. Hazel B. Hinkley, State Secretary, both members of H.V.D.A. and H.S. Poughkeepsie, are arranging a combined meeting with the Dutchess-Putnam and Ulster Green Dental Societies for some time in September in Kingston, N. Y. In as much as this is an annual affair it is looked forward to with much enthusiasm.

Hazel B. Hinkley, Secretary.

The first Board Meeting of the Dental Assistants Association of the State of New York was held at the office of Dr. R. F. Krueger, 22 Jay Street, Schenectady, June 26th 1949.

At a very impressive candle light service the newly elected officers for the year were installed by Miss Jean Bartnicki with Miss Mary Telford acting as conducting officer.

Miss Crapser graciously accepted her office as President and after presenting Miss Virginia O'Neill, retiring president with a Ronson Lighter in behalf of the members, asked every one to be ever mindful of her "Watchwords" for the coming year.

"CONFIDENCE"—in your self and your organization.

"COURAGE"—to see your duty and pursue it properly.

"CO-OPERATION"—One hundred percent to make this a banner year for the Empire

Miss Crapser decreed there would be four Board Meetings a year instead of six, as previous years, covering more business at each meeting. This was a welcome idea in as much as some members spend ten hours traveling as well as the expense involved.

A motion was passed to assess every member fifty cents annually for a Delegates Fund to be used for National Conventions.

Open discussion on Certification proved some local groups have passed the examination and several others are continuing with keen interest in the courses.

The next Board Meeting will be held in Schnectady November 13th at the office of Dr. D. F. Krueger.

There is much to be done to make this a banner year and we are truly hopeful of co-operation.

Hazel B. Hinkley, Secretary.

"The Barn" is the adopted home of the Erie County Dental Assistants Association so it goes without saying that's where we meet.

The May meeting was Clinic night. Clinics presented were: Right and Wrong Dental Assistant, Laboratory Techniques, Helpful Hints, Oral Hygiene, Certification and General Observations. We all looked so nice in our favorite office whites. It was fun, full participation is always most welcome.

June meeting is always our Annual meeting so no exception this time. This was our fourth banquet, third affiliated with A.D.A.A. The entire evening was in Circus mood. Everyone certainly joined in.

New officers were elected. Installation service will be held in September.

Our money making project was quite successful. We sold chances on a radio-clock which was awarded at this time.

This is my last contribution to "ews of the News so I would like to express my best wishes to all, hoping you have had a grand summer and will be ready for a heavy 1949-50 season.

Sarah R. Cochran, Publicity Chairman.

PITTSBURGH DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

At the time of this writing (July 10th), the weather is hot, we are all vacation minded and it is difficult to think of meetings in closed rooms BUT when this is printed all will be different. In September it seems that God gives us renewed strength and energy and we are ready to start the fall and winter season with enthusiasm. For this we are grateful and the Pittsburgh Dental Assistants Association has booked just the speaker, with a vital subject, to get us off on the right foot. Dr. Milton E. Nicholson will discuss, "Why Public Health Dentistry?" at our meeting on September 13th. Meanwhile, a tea, complete with fortune teller and plenty of good food is being planned for July 24th at the home of Virginia Hoffman, Third District Trustee.

This is for the purpose of making money to send our delegates to San Francisco.

Edna M. Justice

Publicity Chairman

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS

So many things have happened to these Dental Assistants since last I took my pen in hand, that I hardly know where to begin. These young ladies are without a doubt the busiest girls in town.

The June meeting was our annual dinner and installation of new officers. The dinner was held this year at Ruby Foo's and as always the installation ceremony in candle light was very beautiful and impressive.

Do these hot, sticky days make you want to get away from the city streets and buildings, if only for a couple of hours? Well, I know just what you need—a nice cool boat trip riding down the river on a Friday afternoon. It's the new boat, Bear Mountain. The Friday I have in mind is July 8th, 1949. The Dental Assistants are having a boat ride and again on Thursday, August 25th.

Here's a little thought for the coming year:

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1949



MOBILE, ALABAMA DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Back row, left to right: Yvonne Grimes, Marion Smith, Clara Godard, Eva Green, Irma Thomas, Yvonne Mallette, Betty Weston, Anita Baldwin, Georgia Hubbard, Liela Saxon, Mickey Johns.

Front row, left to right: Mary Durdin, Mary Copeland, Myrtle Radlinger, Myrtle Mills, Jean Bowman, Esther Farmer.

Live your life so that at any hour you will be able to shake hands with yourself and try to accomplish at least something worthwhile each day. Then when your nights come you will be able to pull up the covers and say to yourself: "I have done my best."

F. Collis Wildman.

Fourth District—

The Georgia Dental Assistants Association will hold two Certification Examinations in 1949. The first examination will be given in Atlanta, Georgia on Sunday, September 18, 1949, and the second examination will be given in Macon, Georgia on Sunday, September 25, 1949.

The Georgia Dental Assistants Association will hold their 20th Annual Meeting on November 14, 15, 1949 at the Savannah Hotel, Savannah, Georgia. An interesting and educational program has been arranged. One of the entertainment features will be the Annual Luncheon, at which the Eastern District Dental Assistants Society will sponsor the program, which will be a skit entitled, "A Socialized Toothache."

Mrs. Mabel Knight, Secretary.

The Florida State Dental Assistants Association is rejoicing over the addition of another society. Through the combined efforts of Grace Robinson, Evelyn MacVay, Dorothy Floyd, Mae Douglas, Wilma Suslar, and many other Miami assistants we now have the Broward County Dental Assistants Association in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. They have a charter membership of 19 which is something of which to be proud. They are fortunate in having as their president Mrs. Irene Barrett who took the 104-Hour Study Course in Miami last year and will be eligible for examination at our State Meeting in November.

Plans are well under way for our State Meeting which will be held Nov. 10, 11, and 12th this year in West Palm Beach, Fla. The largest attendance ever is expected as well as a large group taking Certification Examination.

Members of FSDAA who will represent us in California at the ADAA meeting this year will be President Nell Touchton of Sanford, Etta Mae Howard of Orlando, Margo Fry of Miami, Leila Hanley of West Palm Beach, and Patsy Callahan of Jacksonville. Other members of our association attending will be Evelyn MacVay, Fourth District Trustee, and Grace Robinson, Third Vice-President, both from Miami.

Miami District Dental Assistants Association has its second 104-Hour Study Course under way with a good attendance. Much credit is due to the efforts of Grace Robinson for this fine work.

Ruth Walker, Chairman
Publicity Committee FSDAA.

Fifth District—

Sorry to report that I did not receive any news from the Fifth district. Girls, I would appreciate hearing from you by the 15th of September so that I can have some news for you for the next issue of the Journal.

Sixth District—

Social events take the spotlight for most of our Dental Assistants for the past two months. In May LaCrosse and Madison, the Southern Wisconsin group, both took time out from routine business to plan an evening of entertainment in appreciation of their employers. Milwaukee County assistants following a short business meeting in May, took a tour throughout the Marquette Dental School. It proved to be interesting along with other dental subjects. On June 16th, the annual election dinner was held at the Astor Hotel. The table decorations were carried out with the organizations colors with blue and gold candles and floating gardenias. The immediate past president, Cora May Ehley, was presented with a gift from her corps of officers.

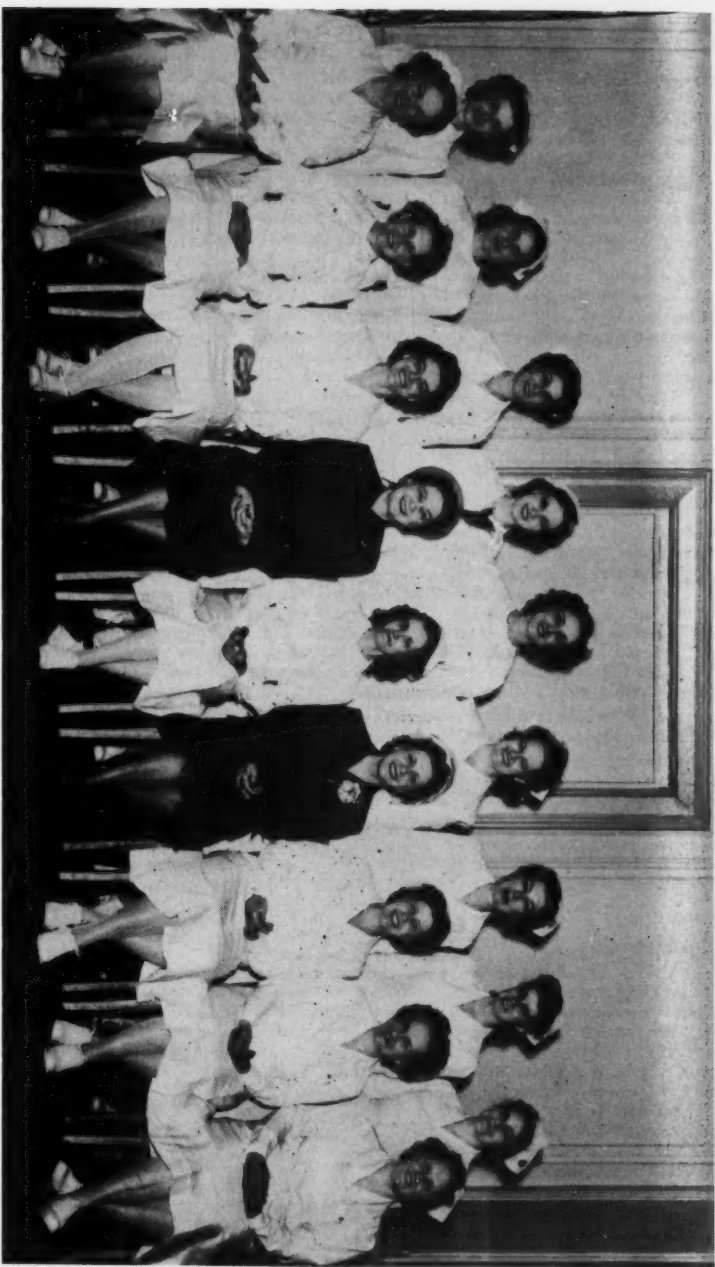
A candlelight installation followed with Erika Wruck as installing officer assisted by Jean Sment as conducting officer. After the installation ceremonies, the door prize was won by Erika Wruck. There were four girls who had perfect attendance throughout the year, Cora May Ehley, Donna Fae Lillie, Leatrice Carlson and Marion Konieczka. For this purpose, the president donated a gift which was won by Leatrice Carlson. A word of congratulations is due Cora May and her staff of officers for the splendid work accomplished throughout the year. SUCCESS, could there be a better word to describe the pleasant year that has passed? On June 19th the Milwaukee assistants closed their year of activity with a picnic at Pretty Lake, perfect weather, and a good time was had by all. Manitowac now is enjoying meetings at the various members' homes. The June meeting was held at the home of Leona Wells and plans were made for a bowling team from the society. Election of officers is to take place early this fall when activity is again at its peak. The Green Bay girls also enjoyed a picnic early in June. That about does it for this time, but we will be anxious to hear from one and all of you as to news from your Association.

Marie Johnson.



FIRST CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANTS IN NEBRASKA

Back row, left to right: Marie Lebsock, Lincoln; Laeta Lehn, Lincoln; Margaret Leedom, Lincoln; Ruth Morgan, Omaha; Ruth Hageman, Lincoln; Ann Johannes, Schuyler; Ruth Harriett Darling, Huron; South Dakota, Seventh district trustee, ADAA; Gertrude Naumann, Lexington; Phyllis Kapella, Omaha; Mary Cory, Ponca.



Iowa Dental Assistants, who completed Certification and took examination in May, 1948 and were Capped a year later, May, 1949.

Left to right, top row: Fern Hart, Des Moines; Pat Ward, Des Moines; Allene Williams, Des Moines; Bernice Guthrie, Des Moines; Eleanor West, Des Moines; Pat Vanscoy, Des Moines; Mae Cowell, Sioux City; Carol Anderson, Des Moines; Dorothy Raid, Mt. Pleasant.

Bottom row: Dorrance Lackey, Des Moines; Louise Lynnum, Sioux City; Edna Johnson, Griswold; Mary Haney, National 1st Vice President, Omaha; Grace Smithson, Des Moines; Harriett Darling, Trustee Seventh District, Huron, South Dakota; Thora Pease, Washington; Bessie Peterson, Waterloo; Edith Johnson, Red Oak.

Mary Haney and Harriett Darling came to Des Moines to confer the degree.

Sorry to report there was a mistake made in the last issue of the Journal. It was reported that the Manitowac district was planning to organize. This group has been organized for some time. It should have been Marinette, Wisconsin instead.

Seventh District—

The 19th annual meeting of the South Dakota Dental Assistants Association was held May 15-17 in the Civic Auditorium in Aberdeen. Registration was held Sunday afternoon in the Alonzo Ward Hotel with 34 girls registering.

Sunday evening the Aberdeen Study Club entertained us at an informal banquet in the Alonzo Ward Hotel at which time we saw a film on Hawaii presented by Geo. Erickson, NSTC.

Monday we met in the Civic Auditorium where the business sessions were held. Speakers on the program were Dr. M. C. Babington, Rapid City, President of the South Dakota State Dental Society and Dr. A. L. Russell, Pierre, Director of the Division of Dental Health.

Dr. F. C. Richards, Bridgewater, Past President of the South Dakota State Dental Society conducted the capping ceremony for members who were eligible to become Certified Dental Assistants of the American Dental Assistants Association. The following Assistants received their caps and certificates: Dorothy Koch, Bridgewater; Merle Andrews, Harriett Darling and Thelma Seeman of Huron; Mayme Nelson and Lucille Hoffman of Sioux Falls. This was the first capping ceremony held in South Dakota and will be carried on each year for those who become eligible for certification during the year.

Monday afternoon six Assistants presented table clinics in conjunction with the clinics presented by the Dentists. Evelyn Boese, Sioux Falls, received the award of first prize for her clinic on "Care of the Teeth" and Merle Andrews, Huron, received second prize on "Office Management Tips." Lucille Hoffman, Sioux Falls, received the first place award for her paper "Factors Having to Do With the New Dental Assistant." The winning poster was made by the Sioux Falls Study Club, second place award going to the Mitchell Study Club.

Following the clinics the assistants saw films on "Silicate Cement" and "Amalgam: Failures Caused by Contamination" by the National Bureau of Standards; a film and lecture by Dr. Price of the Dentists Supply Co. of New York and a film "In One Generation" produced by the Salt Lake City Dental Assistants.

Monday evening the Assistants attended the annual banquet and dance of the dental society at the Country Club.

Tuesday we concluded our business session with the election of officers and final reports. Harriett Darling, Huron, Seventh District Trustee, gave her report on the national meeting held last fall in Chicago and also brought us a message from the ADAA which included a further explanation of the Certification Plan.

Dr. W. J. Simon from the University of Minnesota presented a very fine talk, illustrated with slide films on "Diseases of the Mouth."

Tuesday noon we attended a luncheon on the mezzanine of the Alonzo Ward Hotel. At this time clinic, poster and paper awards were made and the candlelight installation services were held.

The members of the South Dakota Dental Assistants Association wish to extend their warmest thanks to the Aberdeen Study Club for the wonderful time we had while in Aberdeen and the co-operation and effort they put forth to make the meeting a success.

The 1950 meeting will be held in Huron in conjunction with the Dental Society meeting.

Merle Andrews, Huron
Publicity Chairman.

Eighth District—

Kansas Dental Assistants wound up their pre-summer program in a blaze of glory. Bobbie Young, our newly elected State Treasurer reports that the Topeka Club recovered sufficiently from hosting our grand State Meeting to enjoy a picnic in beautiful Gage Park.

The Topeka Dental Assistants, by the way, really outdid themselves for the State Meeting. Everything was very well planned and executed. Incidentally, the attendance at the meeting was something we are very proud of. Kansas has a total membership of 168; and 100 Assistants were registered at Topeka for the Convention. A pretty fair average, don't you think?

Mildred Kraft writes from K. C. that 25 D. A.'s took over the Kraft Recreation room for a picnic supper and gab fest. K. C. has just recently affiliated with our Kansas Association and we are very proud of our new Society up there and will be looking forward to our Bi-State Meeting in K. C. next year.

Down Wichita way another outing was the order of the day. Thirty-five Assistants turned out for a wiener roast in Trudy Parker's beautiful back yard. Trudy and "Mom", always perfect hostesses, entertained most royally. An added attraction of the evening was the surprise farewell for our beloved Ruth Wright. After 18 years of Dental Assisting Ruthie is leaving the

Association to join forces with the medics. We will all miss Ruthie very much and our very warmest wishes go with her for every success in her newly chosen profession.

Opal Iorger, Secretary.

Wichita Dental Assistants Study Club held review classes during the month of May for the girls who were eligible to take the 104-hour course examination before the State meeting. LoRena Kelly, Kansas State Dental Assistant President and Aileen Kottal of Dr. Homer Robinson's office, Hutchinson, Kansas, organized a local Study Club at Great Bend, Kansas, June 29th, to be known as the "Barton County Local Study Club."

Wichita Dental Assistants Study Club plans a week-end cabin party for its meeting in August.

LoRena Kelly.

Maricopa County Dental Assistants Association, Phoenix, Arizona had their first capping ceremony June 1, 1949. They started their course in October with twenty-three and finished with eleven taking their examination April 9th.

Beth Melton, Secretary.

Houston District Dental Assistants Association plans to start its 109-hour study course in October. Mrs. Lila Crowley, our Eighth district trustee from Houston, and Miss Lois King plan to attend the National Convention in San Francisco this fall.

NOTICE: Our Eighth district trustee, Mrs. Violet Lila Crowley, would like for you to mail any correspondence you might have for her, to 3105 Tañgley, Houston, Texas.

DALLAS NEWS

May Meeting—

Dallas County Dental Assistants Society met Tuesday, May 24, 1949 at the Y. M. C. A. Dinner was served to 45 members.

The retiring officers gave their annual reports and the delegates to the ninth annual meeting of the Texas State Dental Assistants Association gave a resume of the state convention.

The climax of the evening was the installation of officers for 1949-50 with a most impressive Candlelight Installation Service. Steve Montgomery served as installing officer, and Rosamond Atkinson, conducting officer.

We would like to report the profit from our dance held at one of our local night clubs which enriched our treasury \$116.00 to be used for our Delegate Fund. As a money making project we are selling chances on a doll dressed in twenty-five one dollar bills. Leta Featherstone, Dorothy Hendley and Marilyn Bond make up the committee.

Regular meetings are suspended until September, but the Dallas Girls are making big plans for the 10th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Dental Assistants Association to be in Dallas April, 1950.

I wish to extend a happy and most pleasant summer to the entire membership of the American Dental Assistants Association.

Dallas County Dental Assistants Society.

Mary Barrow, Reporter

June Meeting—

Our last social highlight of the year was a picnic given at the home of Annie Mae Mills, Wednesday, June 22 honoring our retiring president, Helen Burks. Annie Mae is an honorary members of the Dallas County Dental Assistants Society.

A guard pin was presented to our president, and the secretary's quill to Winifred Navratil.

Mary Barrow, Reporter

Dallas County Dental Assistants Society.

Following is a poem written by one of our own Dental Assistants, Thelma Watts.

END OF A PERFECT DENTAL ASSISTANT

Oh, bury me with a plaster bowl in my arms
And a dustcloth 'round my head;
Play a dirge on a vibrator after I am dead.
Then put a mouth mirror in my hand
And a couple of old appointment books,
My friends will shed a tear and say:
How natural she looks.

Ninth District—

Each month that passes brings some special event in the history of the Northern California Dental Assistants Association. In April we were happy to welcome the Marin County Dental Assistants to the State family, and we join in wishing them a most successful and worth-

while organization. To their new officers and members go our very best wishes.

It was a joy and an inspiration to hear our Ninth District Trustee, Madge Tingley of Portland, Oregon, tell of her recent trip to Hawaii to aid in the organization of a new Dental Assistants Association there. We will surely look forward to meeting their newly-elected president, Annie Kerr, and the other delegates who are already planning to attend the annual meeting of the A. D. A. A. in San Francisco next October.

Convention plans are shaping up, and it promises to be a wonderful week. Virginia Newell, Co-Chairman of the Program and the Banquet, has told us just enough about the plans to make all of us sure that to miss a single meeting in October will be to miss something very worthwhile. Banquet plans are more or less a surprise, but rumor has it that it is to be extra-special.

Alberta Clinite, President.

Ninth District—

LANE COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

Our Certification study course has been very well attended this year. We complete this portion of the class the 29th of June and begin again the first part of September. Our teachers for this part have been very interesting and all we girls feel we have learned a lot from them.

Our last meeting (in May), was election of officers. The turnout was good and we all had a very good time.

A little more news on the Course. Mrs. Wynne Saunders is coming down from Portland to give us our lectures on Radiology.

Cecil Henry,

Director of Lane County.

June brought a successful Certification Examination in Pasadena. Fifty-four Southern California girls under the adept handling of Helen Petersen took the Examination. New study groups are already being formed and our educational program is on the move again.

The 49's have definitely returned to Southern California. Third District and Fifth District's Doctor Nights both carried the "Early Day" motif. The speaker of the evening in Third District was Michael Gurdin, M. D., A. C. S. outstanding Plastic Surgeon on the Pacific Coast. His subject, "Plastic Reconstruction of Facial Defects." Fifth District met at the newly decorated Del Mar Beach Club in Santa Monica. The highlight of the evening was a group of professional square dancers and gay songs. Ethel Sheppe, State Ways and Means Chairwoman, conducted the drawing for a General Electric Blanket, Samson Automatic Toaster, and Sunbeam Coffee maker. The winners of these prizes were Drs. J. E. Craddock of San Diego, Jon M. Zunsteg of Santa Barbara, and John Kulstad of Pomona. We successfully raised \$419.20.

Santa Barbara also celebrated this month with their Doctors' Night and found them in "Gay Paree." Dr. John C. Metcalk was the guest speaker. The Los Angeles meeting had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Bruce R. Kurtz. His topic, "Why Are We Here?" was a wonderful experience. A rummage sale was held in Huntington Park to help Los Angeles with their philanthropic work. Orange County installed their President, Betty Brandt, and officers in Santa Ana. Our progressive Pasadena group had the famous Dr. John C. Moriarty "Psychosomatics in Regard to the Dental Patient." Tri-County brought to their membership a Fashion Show. The do's and don'ts of how to dress in the ethical dental office.

The 1950 plans for the Southern California Convention are already being formulated. The Southern California State Dental Association has invited the Dental Assistants to participate in clinic in April, 1950 at the Biltmore Hotel.

Now we are on our way to those wonderful things called vacations and San Francisco in October.

Mary Ann Whalley.

SEATTLE DISTRICT DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

To bring you up to date on the doings in Seattle, here is a list of our speakers and meetings since the first of the year.

We started off at our January 5th meeting with a few timely hints from Dr. Henry O. Weeth, who titled his talk "Saving Time Around the Dental Office." Said Dr. Weeth: "You girls probably know more about it than I do, anyway!" The February 2nd meeting brought us some worthwhile information on gold-foil technique. The speaker was Dr. John Ryan. Now that the veterans' authorizations are dwindling, we got some first-hand information on the proper way to fill out the forms from Dr. Kenneth Downing at our March 2nd meeting. The first Wednesday in April, Dr. W. Philip Phair of the Dental Health Division, U. S. Public Health Service gave us a worthwhile talk on "The Role of the Dental Assistant in Dental Health Education." He had much to say on the subject of sodium fluoride and *Lactobacillus acidophilus* counts. At our May 4th meeting, Dr. C. J. Stansbury talked to us about "Esthetics in Restorations." That was also our initiation meeting, at which twenty-five members joined officially.

and were presented with lovely tulip corsages as well as their official A. D. A. A. caps. Last meeting, Dr. Fred Molt gave us a discussion of "Clean vs. Surgically Clean" . . . a very important distinction in an exodontia office.

All our meetings have not been of strictly educational nature, however. May twenty-fifth, we more hardy individuals (and many not so brave) ventured to Vasa Park Skating Arena for a hilarious night of flying wheels. Free food, door prizes, and an exhibition skate by the "Flying Minellis" made it a memorable evening. Many thanks to Ruth Chabot and our other Ways and Means committeemen, and more power to them. Their next venture will be a theater party at the "Showboat" theater, but more about that later.

Most important news item is our State Meeting, because Seattle is host. State President Ida Mantell has been working with her two vice-presidents, Rachael Davis and Frances Straka, and plans are almost completed now. Festivities include a ten-hour cruise through the San Juan Islands on the M. V. Virginia V, a breakfast party at the Continental Cafe where "Breakfast in Seattle" is broadcast over KRKL, and a formal banquet at the Hotel Edmond Meany, besides the clinics and sessions.

Last February 17, we all had an opportunity to go through the beautiful new University of Washington Dental School. It was our first look at the technicolor they have incorporated in the building, but not the last, by far. Our certification program is to be under the direction of the University of Washington, and classes will be held at the new Dental School. We have worked for a good many years to get the program started, so those of us who are eligible are quite thrilled at finally being able to start.

Our group has an interesting project under way . . . namely, our Blood Pool. Anyone may donate to the King County Blood Bank in the name of the Seattle District Dental Assistants. The pool is for the use of S. D. D. A. S. girls and their immediate families, under approval of the Board. We're proud of our efforts, and pass on the idea to all you other girls.

Another innovation at our monthly meetings is a "social hour" immediately preceding our dinner. Piano music by Marilyn Cotter, singing by the rest of us, a punch bowl and chatter get us in a good mood for the rest of the meeting.

Until we tell you about our State Meeting, then, this is all the news from Seattle and

Dorothy Holland,
Publicity Chairman.

Tenth District—

The Stark County, Ohio Dental Assistants are finishing up their Course of studies for Examination for Certification. The summer months are being spent in a rigorous review of subjects covered, and we will take our examination at the State meeting in November.

The Akron, Ohio Dental Assistants had their Annual Breakfast June 5th, at Municipal Park in Akron, which I attended and had a wonderful time. Those girls certainly know how to do things up right. They have a marvelous bunch of good workers. Anna Carey, our State President, was an honored guest.

The Columbus Dental Assistants have a new roster of officers.

Betty E. Frederick, Secretary.

The Indiana Association of Dental Assistants are to be represented at the A. D. A. A. annual meeting in San Francisco by Connie Doyle, Lois Lambring, Crystal Pace, Bertha Lillevig and Jenn Sullivan.

Twenty-three members of the South Bend Dental Assistants attended the first summer outing of the Association which was held at Baugo Creek. The main event was a wiener roast, with Mrs. Maxine Wagner, Lois Nyers and Janet Barrett in charge.

The Fort Wayne, Indiana assistants have discontinued all meetings for the remainder of the summer.

Susan Reichard, Reporter.

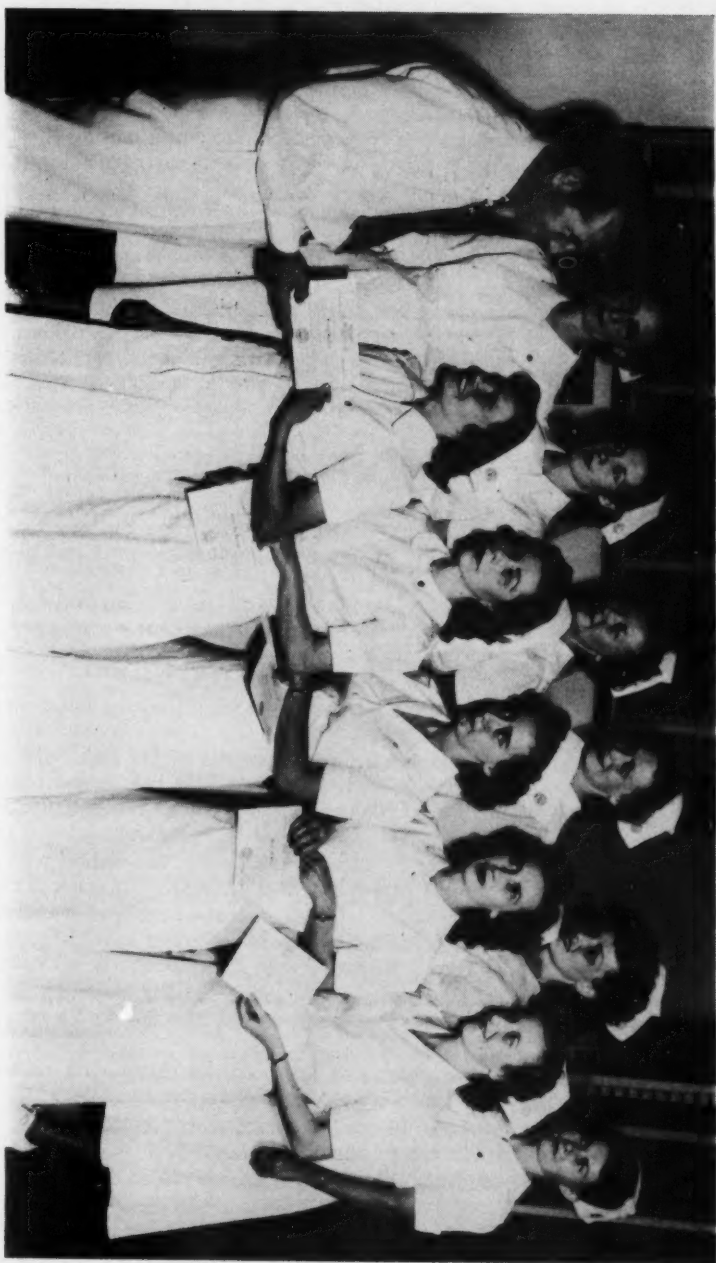
The Ohio State Dental Assistants Association will hold an examination for the Certification of qualified members of the Ohio State Dental Assistants Association at the Deschler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, November 13, 1949, at 9:00 A. M.

Applications are to be secured from the State Secretary before August 15 and forwarded to the Board. No applications will be accepted after September 15.

Betty E. Frederick, Secretary,
Ohio State Dental Assistants Association.



COLUMBUS, OHIO MEETING
 Standing, left to right: Dr. V. G. Hunter, Irene Hutchinson, Secretary Dr. A. V. Purinton, Speaker; Martha Tudor, President; Dr. F. R. Aldrich, and Anna Carey, President of State.



MARICOPA COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
In picture, left to right: Dr. J. P. Smith, Betty Melton, Jay Phillips, Rita Stafford, Lorraine Madden, Iis Hubbard.
Back row: Anees Wehl, Rosemarie Castele, Mildred Glow, Helen Bailey, Berline Tipton, Viola Bowling.

SILENCE PLEASE

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In every office there is so much annoyance caused from unnecessary noise. There is so much we can do to avoid this.

1. Place list of patients for the day in a convenient place for the Doctor to see. Mark off with a cross as each patient arrives. This saves unnecessary talking.
2. Instead of repeating phone messages to the Doctor verbally in the hear- of a patient try writing the message as briefly as possible on a phone pad, and hand it to the Doctor out of the patient's sight. This will also furnish a telephone call record.
3. When the telephone is within hearing distance of a patient, always turn from the operating room when talking and speak softly into the telephone.
4. It's so nice for assistants to visit and laugh while at work, but remember this destroys the professional atmosphere of an office and can be a source of great annoyance to a patient. Always wait until after closing for your gaiety.
5. When speaking to patients in a reception room, always close doors between operating and reception rooms. Patients like to feel their business is private.
6. When putting instruments into sterilizer, place them in one or two at a time. Dropping a handful at one time creates the impression one is in a boiler factory.
7. The lid of the sterilizer can be closed gently or can be banged. Which do you do?
8. When replacing instruments into trays, place gauze or Kleenex on tray to tone down the clatter.
9. Avoid dropping instruments. Not only does it frighten the patients, but it ruins the points of the instruments.
10. When washing blood stains from instruments in the sink before putting into sterilizer, half fill the bowl with water. This breaks the noise of the instruments against the porcelain basin. Avoid leaving the tap running.
11. Turn off the saliva ejector as soon as the patient is finished with it. The sound is unfamiliar and annoying to a patient. You are accustomed to it.
12. Doors banging or not closed softly are as irritating in a dental office as they are anywhere else. Always close doors properly and softly.
13. And those cabinet drawers . . . do you close them gently or do you make one continuous stroke so each closes like the rat-tat-tat of a machine gun?
14. Do you walk or do you stamp? Try wearing shoes with rubber soles and heels. They are much quieter and more comfortable.
15. When investing inlays or filling lab flasks with plaster, always be sure to tap on a heavy cloth or magazine.
16. Plan to have inlays ready for casting when no patient is in the operating room.
17. The garbage disposers should be of a smoothly operating type to avoid

"STERILIZATION METHOD AND APPLICATION IN A DENTAL OFFICE"

By Dr. E. A. W. Montgomery
Evansville, Indiana

Sterilization as defined by Webster's dictionary says, "The process of rendering sterile; sterilize to make free from germs by means of heat or chemical."

Now, we would want to familiarize ourselves with the words sepsis and asepsis. Sepsis is that term applied to a field contaminated with bacteria and asepsis is a term applied to a field that is free of bacteria.

From a Dental standpoint we are very much interested in sterilization but not too interested in asepsis. The reason for this is that the instruments we use in the mouth must be sterilized but when they are used they need not be aseptic, and I will tell you the reasons why.

First, it would not be possible to sterilize the mouth without extensive tissue destruction and second, it is not necessary to rid a field of bacteria that the area has already built up an immunity to specific bacteria. The bacteria that a given mouth is immuned to, are all the bacteria that is found normally in that mouth plus the bacteria that is found in normal air. Now, it is to be understood at this point that it is the mucous membrane of the mouth that has the immunity to bacterial invasion and any instrument that breaks the surface of the mucous membrane should be kept as sterile as possible.

This brings us down to a place where we must sterilize instruments and equipment to prevent the contamination of one patient by the infections of another patient or other people and the care of not infecting a wound, that has broken the mucous lining of the mouth, from the fluids of the mouth.

Now, for most dental operations it is only necessary to see that the instruments are properly sterilized after they have been used on a patient and need not be sterile at the time they are used. (This is the same theory that we use when we wash the dishes after using and not just before they are used.)

Since the oral cavity is continually contaminated by the bacteria in the air there is no use to worry about the instruments we are going to use if they are only contaminated by the bacteria of the air.

Now let us see how we may satisfactorily

sterilize the instruments we commonly use in the dental office.

There are two main ways of sterilization; heat and chemical. Under heat we may again subdivide it into two classes. Dry and moist.

Dry heat is seldom used today but the flaming of needles was a very common procedure only a few years ago. Some men use dry heat for towels and gauze but it has been my experience that dry heat sufficiently high enough to be safe will usually scorch dry linens and make them unsightly.

Next, let us talk about moist heat. This is the class that the common sterilizer falls into and is usually a closed container with sufficient water to cover the instruments and this water is permitted to boil for twenty minutes thereby holding the temperature at 212° for twenty minutes which time is sufficient for sterilization of clean instruments. However, even if non-rust tablets or soda is placed in the water this type of sterilization will dull sharp instruments and oxidize many instruments thereby making them very unsightly. But it is to be remembered that for all practical purposes this is probably the sterilization method of choice in the big majority of cases.

Probably just as safe a method is boiling in oil and this process is becoming more popular since it does not oxidize the instruments, rust parts or damage sharp edges. However, it is much more expensive and mussy and more than likely will be used to a limited degree.

Since it is impractical to boil towels and gauze the method of choice is moist sterilization in an Auto-clave Sterilizer which utilizes the theory of superheated steam—in other words unless you confine steam and put it under pressure it is impossible to heat water or steam above 212° but by confining the water and steam you can heat it to 275° at about 15 pounds pressure. This will sterilize cloth that is comparatively dry when removed from the auto-clave. This is the process that is extensively used for bandages, towels, rubber gloves and gowns.

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banging the lid. If one is used with a lid, try lining the top of it with rubber.

18. Use a heavy weight paper tray cover on the bracket table before setting up a tray. This deadens the clatter of the instruments being placed on it. For a tray set up where heavy instruments are used for an extraction, use a heavy sterile napkin and fold over the instruments to hide from the patient's view.

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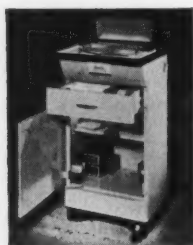


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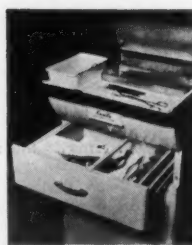


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Now, that we have covered in general the methods of sterilization by heat the second classification is chemicals. If I would name and discuss all the chemicals that I know that are used in sterilization we would be here until dark or later and since I want to hold my audience, I will only discuss the chemicals that are used in our office. The ones we use may not be the best but so far they are the best and most practical that I know about to use in the average dental office.

First, let us talk about the chemical used for cold sterilization in our office. It is called Metaphene Disinfecting solution and is manufactured by Abbott Laboratory. This solution is used just as it comes in the bottle without dilution and is used to immerse the instrument for twenty minutes for sterilization.

The following instruments are sterilized with this solution in a glass container:

rongeur	rubber bands
hemostat	nasal tubes
shears	detachable blades
splinter forceps	rubber props
tissue retractor	metal mouth props
curette	burton light tips
bone files	mouth mirrors
bone chisels	explorers
carpule syringe	spatula
periosteum elevator	cotton pliers
lances	bone elevator
suction	burs
tongue retractor	thermometer
throat ejector	wire forceps
needles	wire shears
sutures	water syringe

Now, for the sake of practicability let us take the common capsule syringe which requires the most precise sterilization procedure of any instrument in the office. Since this instrument is used for a puncture wound sometimes to a depth of one and one-half inches it is very important that it not carry infection from one patient to another but it should not carry airborne bacteria into the deep tissue. What I am trying to say is that the syringes and particularly the needles used to inject fluids into the tissue should have the greatest possible care in sterilization and be sure that the aseptic chain is not broken until after they are used.

Let us follow the carpule syringe and needle from the time it is used through its entire cycle to the time when it has been used again. After the syringe is used it is carried to the scrub room where the syringe and needle is scrubbed with a brush and soap to be sure it is freed from all debris or mucin. The needle is then separated from the syringe and a wire is inserted into the lumen of the needle. The needle is placed into a sterilizing basket and placed into the sterilizer to be boiled for

twenty minutes. The syringe is placed in a chemical sterilization solution for thirty minutes. Now, the wire is removed from the needle, the needle is placed back on the syringe and the entire syringe is placed in a covered jar containing Waite's antiseptic solution being sure that the entire needle is submerged in the solution. Care must be exercised in assembling the syringe and needle to see that the chain of asepsis is not broken.

I might add at this point that needles are never sharpened in our office but bent or defective needles are discarded on the Doctor's judgment immediately after use. The above procedure almost guarantees no complications from broken needles. This brings us down to the sterilization and cleaning the tissues of the oral cavity.

The solution within the carpule has been sterilized and cannot be contaminated until the stoppers are punctured or removed. We will depend on reliable companies to take care of this part for us. The carpule should be kept in a clean covered jar and the rubber stopper that is to be punctured should be sterilized with a tincture before it is inserted into the syringe. There will probably never be a contamination of the anesthetic solution if the rubber is punctured with a needle that has just been removed from your Waite's solution, even if the rubber tip is not sterilized because the solution will wash away bacteria and the mechanical cleaning of the rubber stopper will seal out any bacteria that might touch the side of the needle on first puncture.

After the needle is inserted into the carpule and tested you are ready for the injection. If this is a rapid operation from jar to puncture of tissue you will not need to cover the needle because it will still be coated with the solution. However, if the time element is long enough to cause the solution on the needle to dry, then the needle should be covered with cotton saturated with a 70% alcohol solution.

Immediately upon removal of the needle from soft tissue the doctor should be skilled in deciding if the needle is dull or has been bent during the injection, in either event he should order the needle discarded unless it is sharp and straight. This completes the cycle of the syringe and applies to all syringes used to inject material into the tissues.

In dentistry we sterilize two types of tissue hard (dentine and enamel) soft mucous membrane since these tissues differ greatly in cell structure they also differ in the chemicals used for sterilization.

The soft tissue is composed of replaceable cells with a profuse blood and nerve supply. With this thought in mind we must remember that burns by chemicals will cause large ulcerative areas, which are slow to heal and painful while they are healing.

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Telling the Story

The excessive consumption of the products of white flour and refined sugar is graphically indicted as the cause of dental disease in the new dental health film, "It's YOUR Health."

This indictment is direct. By reason of its outstanding story treatment and quality production, the film, which was originated by the Southern California State Dental Association, delivers, forcibly and accurately, its charge against refined carbohydrates in the diet. The process of dental decay and its cause, along with the consequences of dental disease, are all closely linked and identified with faulty diet. On the positive side, the film thoroughly deals with nutrition, as it pertains to dental health and general health, as well.

The manner of presentation is dramatic and interesting. These qualities of the film make it unique in the field of dental health education.

The natural way in which the story unfolds, its plausible plot and the acceptability of the story's characters result in a convincing work. The message is clear and interpreted in a fashion which offers the best prospects for the actual accomplishment of the educational aims of "It's YOUR Health."

Designed primarily for use in the classroom, on levels from the fifth grade through high

school, "It's YOUR Health" is certain to fulfill the long-existing need for a high quality motion picture based on dental health. Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Dean of the School of Dentistry at Temple University, had this to say about the film: "... The film attacks one of our most vital problems, control of dental disease. It is my opinion that this film will prove highly effective and do a tremendous amount of good in awakening the child and parent to the importance of dental health."

In addition to its classroom use, the film is ideally suited for use before parent-teacher organizations, service clubs, youth groups and the like. In such a capacity the film provides supplementary material for dental health lectures.

"It's Your Health" was produced by the Apex Film Corporation, one of the nation's most successful producers of educational films. Mr. Jack Chertok, who has won 12 Academy Awards for his short subject and educational film work, heads this firm and acted as the producer. He gave to "It's Your Health" its most important asset, dramatic quality with high educational value.

Production of the script and the film was rigidly supervised by a special movie committee. Dr. Perry Shaw acted as the chairman of this committee which was made up of Dr. John R. Abel, then president of the Association, and James Robinson, executive secretary of the group. Through the efforts of this committee the film was guided to its peak of quality and effectiveness.

"It's Your Health" is a non-profit project of the Association's Council on Dental Health and copies of the film are now available for immediate shipment. The price is \$75.00 per copy, including reel, mailing case and domestic shipping charges. The film will be distributed only through direct sales and remittance must accompany orders. Except for health departments and school systems, audition copies are not available. Copies should be ordered from the Southern California State Dental Association, 903 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The film had its premiere showing before the membership of the Southern California State Dental Association at their 52nd Annual meeting, early in April. It met with immediate approval and Dr. Abel, in introducing the film, pointed out that every community should have this film available to them. He urged that the dental profession, acting individually or collectively, be the means of bringing about this distribution.

"It is the responsibility of the profession of dentistry to not only create such educational material but to follow through on the utilization of what is created. Dentistry cannot do less in the light of the present need for dental health education."

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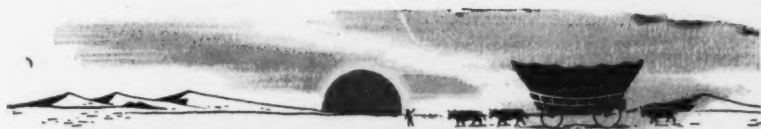
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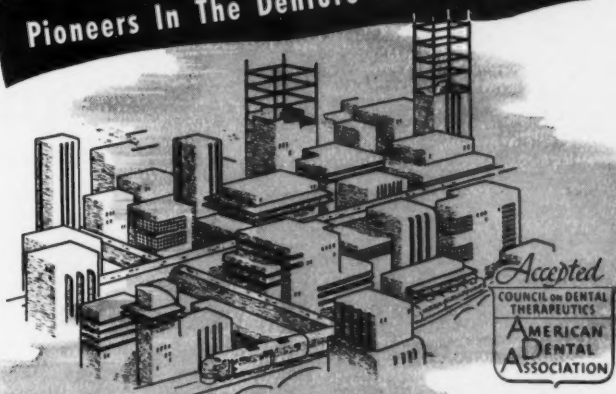
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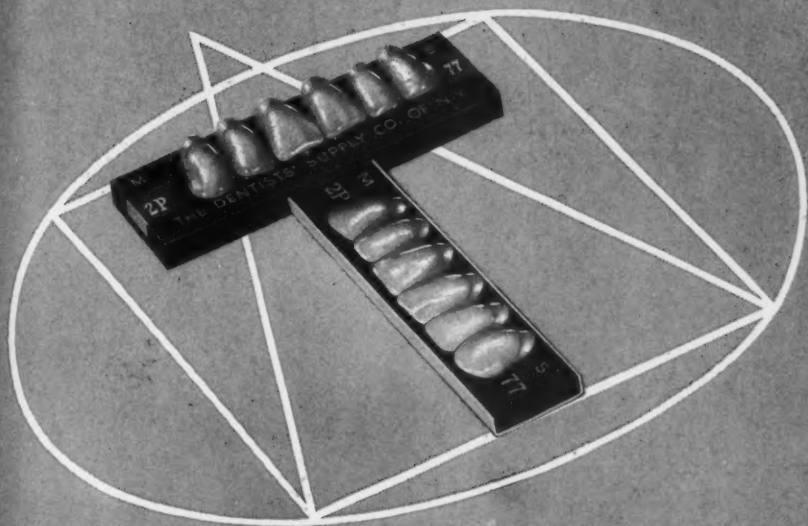
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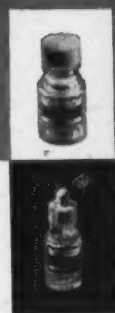


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